

# HELLO FRIEND

THIS MONTH WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT

## RESPONSIBILITY

**BOTTOM LINE:**  
**WORK HARD.**

Three things I learned today:

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### TODAY'S PRAYER

DEAR JESUS,  
THANK YOU FOR THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO WORK HARD.  
WE KNOW THAT EVERY SMALL  
THING WE DO EACH DAY CAN  
BE USED TO SHOW YOUR LOVE  
TO OTHERS. WE ASK THAT YOU  
HELP US SEE WAYS WE CAN  
WORK HARD THIS WEEK AND  
THAT WE WOULD BE EXCITED  
TO BE A PART OF A PURPOSE  
THAT IS BIGGER THAN  
OURSELVES!  
WE LOVE YOU!  
IN JESUS' NAME,  
AMEN.

WATCH THE  
BIBLE STORY  
HERE

SCAN THE CODE TO VIEW  
THIS WEEK'S BIBLE STORY



# **Responsibility** means showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you.



Read Luke 16:10

DAY

1

## **Pledge to Work Hard**

God created us to work. And we honor God when we show responsibility and do what's expected of us.

One way we can show that we are responsible is by doing our chores. One a piece of paper, create a checklist by coming up with five things that you can work hard at every day to show that you are responsible. Maybe it's picking up your dirty clothes and putting them in the laundry or help put away the dishes. On the bottom half of the page, trace your



hand and write your name as a pledge that you are going to work hard and do your very best!

Put this somewhere that you can see it all week long and check off every time that you do each chore.

**Ask God to help you when you need to work hard!**

DAY

2

## **Hard Working Ants**

Have you ever watched a long line of ants crawling outside? Ants seem like they are always busy doing something. What if we worked as hard as ants do? It feels really good to finish something that you worked really hard to accomplish. Ask an adult to go outside with you and see if you can find some ants. Watch how hard they work and while you are watching, see if you can come up with one big job that you can work hard at too! Talk about it with your parent or guardian get busy like an ant!

**Know that God will help you when things get hard!**

DAY

3

## **A Little Help**

Whew! Has talking about all this hard work this week made you tired? You know it's not always easy to work hard or do your best at something. The cool thing is that God knows it's not always easy. And we can ask Him to help us when things get hard. Take a minute with God—just you and Him—and ask Him for help when things get hard.

**Dear God,**

*Thank You for giving me responsibilities. I want to be trusted with all that I am given, but sometimes it's hard work. When it's hard, please help me to do my very best because I want to honor You by being a hard worker. Amen.*



DAY

4

## **A Little to A Lot**

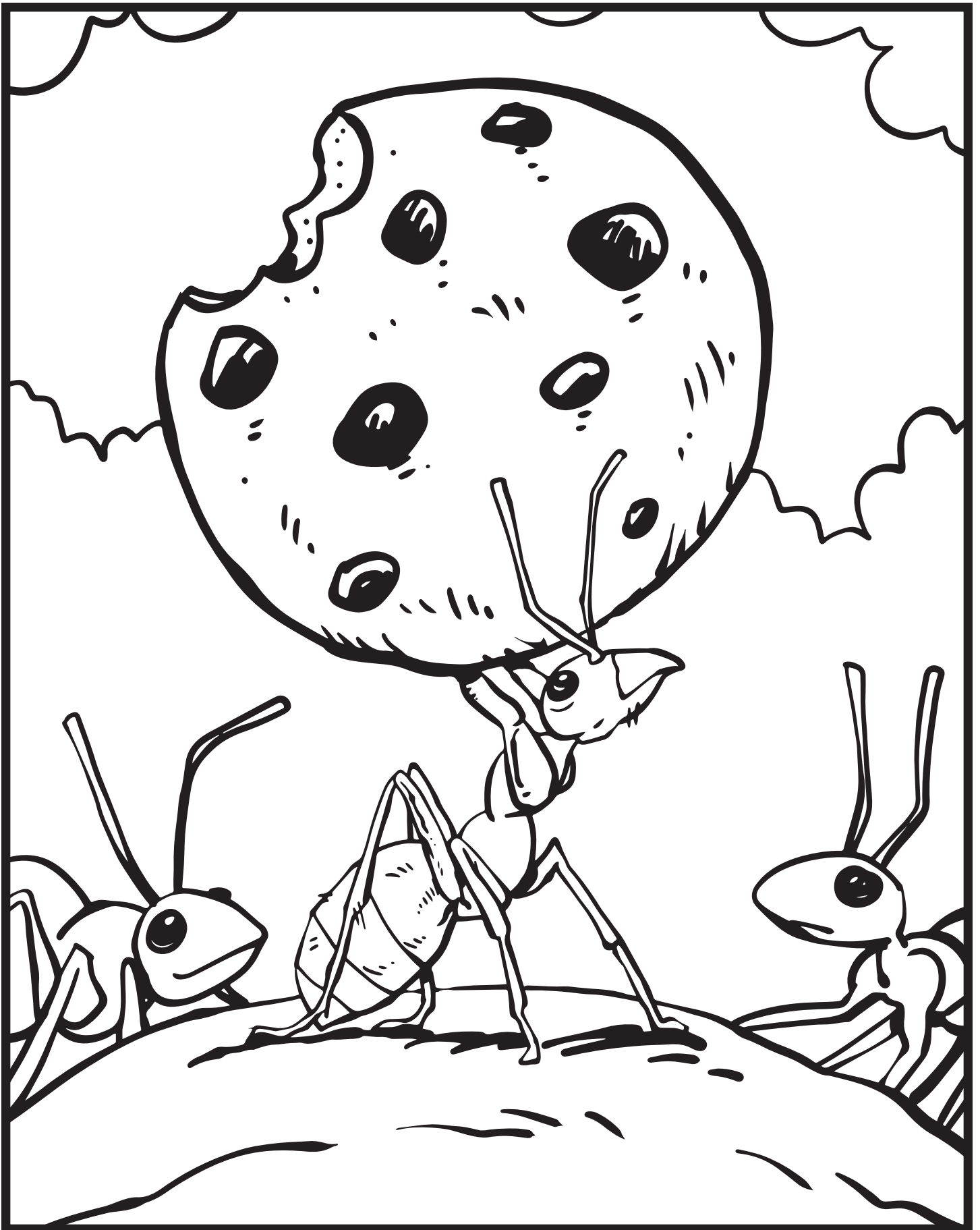
Ask an adult to help you look up Luke 16:10. Read it together and highlight it. This is such a great verse for us to remember. This time let's read it and put some motions to it. When you get to the word "little," squat down into the tiniest ball you can make, and then when you get to the word "large," explode up on your feet with arms and legs stretched out as wide as they can go!

**Show others that you can be trusted with the little things and the big things!**

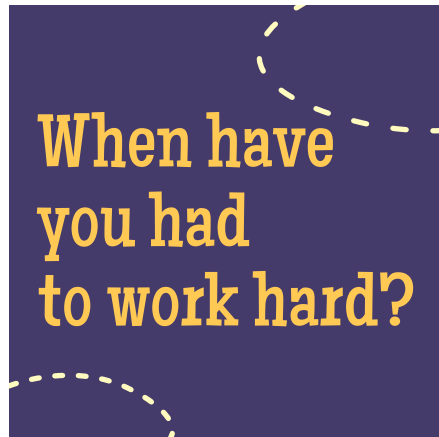
**Work hard.**



PARENT CUE



Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.



Horizontal lines for journaling.



Day 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.

Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked: \_\_\_\_\_

2. You learned: \_\_\_\_\_

3. You'd like to know: \_\_\_\_\_

## Day 2

### Read Proverbs 6:6–8

King Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, tells us in Proverbs to consider the ant's ways to find wisdom.

Get a sheet of paper and draw an ant onto it. As you read Proverbs 6:6-8 again, write down some of the things Solomon mentions about the ant around the one you just drew. Then add to it anything else you know about ants and their hard work.

Hang your ant drawing somewhere you will see it this week, and start each day "considering the ant and its ways."

## Day 3

Look at the picture you drew yesterday and all the things you listed about the ant.

What can you learn about hard work and responsibility from these tiny creatures?

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Now think about an area of your life where you struggle to work as hard as you know you should. What would it look like to apply the characteristics of the ant to your situation? Talk to God about it, and ask Him for wisdom to help you know how you can work harder, the strength to work hard, and the responsibility to follow through.

## Day 4

### When have you had to work hard?

Find a friend or parent and ask them to step outside with you and find an ant. It shouldn't be too hard—there are over one million ants on earth for every single human! That's roughly 10,000,000,000,000,000 ants!

As you watch the ant hard at work, talk with each other about your observations. Share why it's sometimes really hard to work really hard. Ask your friend or parent about a time when they've had to work hard, and open up about one area in particular that you sometimes struggle to work as hard as you know you should. Come up with a plan for how you will work hard in that particular area this week, and ask your friend or parent to check back in with you in a few days to see how it's going and if you're following through.



## Day 5

### What is the hardest part about working hard for you?

Maybe you struggle with follow-through. Imagine how bad it would be for the ant if it stopped gathering food before getting enough for the winter!

Or maybe you have a hard time getting motivated to get started? Think of the ant lifting objects 50 times its weight—you can do this!

Figure out what your particular holdup is and come up with a plan to help you work hard like the ant.

If you struggle with...	Try...
Getting started	→ Setting an alarm
Following through	→ Breaking down the task into smaller steps
When things get hard	→ Asking a friend to check in and encourage you
Completely finishing a task	→ Giving yourself a reward for finishing

Circle the one or two things that are the hardest for you, and then take the action step (or come up with your own!). Repeat this process any time you have to do something hard, and before you know it, you'll be giving the ant a run for its money!